



President's Corner

by Martin Back, MD

I'm excited to serve as the 2011-12 President of the Peripheral Vascular Surgical Society (PVSS) now entering its 37th year. The PVSS remains dedicated to involving young vascular surgeons in the early stages of their careers through education, scholarship, advocacy and leadership. During my 10 plus years of involvement in the PVSS, I have witnessed a monumental growth of the society, expanding interest and involvement of young members, improved quality of clinical presentations and publications generated from biannual meetings, and a maturation and broadening of the leadership's vision for the society.

If I could sum up what the PVSS represents I would choose 'OPPORTUNITY'. This society afforded me the opportunity to present papers at numerous Winter and Spring meetings and engage in clinical discussion with peers in an unassuming, collegial environment. I have published multiple manuscripts in the *Annals of Vascular Surgery*, *Journal of Vascular Surgery* and *Vascular and Endovascular Surgery* that were presented at PVSS meetings. I have had the opportunity to meet and share clinical, professional and personal experiences with vascular colleagues many of whom have become friends through our PVSS associations. The always 'healthy' relationship between our industry partners and the PVSS have enabled fruitful collaboration for clinical and basic research, further device and drug development and support of student / resident / fellow learning efforts and early career academic scholarship. My interactions and cultivated friendships with PVSS mentors have allowed me the opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity as well. As an additional bonus, annual dues and meeting registration fees have purposefully remained reasonably priced compared to other national and regional societies.

Immediate past-President Marc Passman is responsible for orchestrating the recent expanded administrative restructuring of the society that will allow future members better opportunity to participate in PVSS efforts at multiple levels. Younger vascular surgeon issues will be further addressed in newly expanded committee structures. Our collaborations with the Society of Vascular Surgery (SVS) have increased as well due to their recognition of our dedication to young vascular surgeons and their accomplishments. Our PVSS impact continues to grow and we anticipate stimulating Winter and Spring meetings this year in Vail, Colorado and in Washington, DC.

I look forward to the upcoming year and will strive to encourage new membership and collegiality. Let's get started ...

With kindest regards,

Martin



PVSS Medicine & Business Corner

EHR Incentive Program Offered by CMS

By now, most members of the PVSS have electronic health records (EHR) or are in the process of transitioning into an EHR system. Below are the EHR incentive programs offered by CMS.

The Medicare EHR Incentive Program

The Medicare EHR Incentive Program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs that demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

- Participation can begin as early as 2011.
- Eligible professionals can receive up to \$44,000 over five years under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program
- To get the maximum incentive payment, Medicare eligible professionals must begin participation by 2012.
- Important! For 2015 and later, Medicare eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs that do not successfully demonstrate meaningful use will have a payment adjustment in their Medicare reimbursement.

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology in their first year of participation and demonstrate meaningful use for up to five remaining participation years.

- The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is voluntarily offered by individual states and territories and may begin as early as 2011, depending on the state.
- Eligible professionals can receive up to \$63,750 over the six years that they choose to participate in the program.
- There are no payment adjustments under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

We invite all members to submit articles related to medicine and business/practice issues to the newsletter. 200 words or less. Submission dates: September 1 and November 1.

PVSS 2011 Spring Meeting Review *by Mark Patterson*

The program committee for the 2011 Spring Meeting would like to thank all who attended the recent meeting in Chicago for their support and participation. This year's meeting was the initial year that the Scientific component consisted of two sessions held in succession on a single day, prior to the opening of the Vascular Annual Meeting. Despite significant time constraints and the necessity of lengthening the sessions to fit said constraints, I applaud all who participated whether by presentation, discussion or commentary for making the meeting a success.

In keeping with the mission of the PVSS, which is to provide a forum for young vascular surgeons to meet and discuss issues which are pertinent to the early stages of vascular surgery practice, the program committee was able to construct a program which covered nearly all areas of modern vascular surgery practice. Presentations addressing percutaneous revascularization techniques, open revascularization and aneurysm surgery, venous surgery, dialysis access as well as vascular medicine were all represented. Additionally several presentations centering upon management of unexpected complications which are pertinent to the modern practice of vascular surgery were heard. For those who were not able to attend, the program is available on the PVSS website, and hopefully in the not too distant future the presentation slides will be available as well.

Again I sincerely appreciate the efforts of those who presented and participated in any capacity for making this a successful endeavor. The meeting was well attended and the program committee eagerly awaits input from those who attended as to how to improve the meeting for future considerations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Young Vascular Surgeons Issues Course**
Thursday, January 26, 2012
- **22nd Annual Winter Meeting**
January 27 - 29, 2012
Marriott Vail Mountain Resort, Vail, Colorado
Abstract Deadline
Monday, October 3, 2011, 11:59pm PDT

The PVSS and VIVA have recently entered into a mutual endorsement agreement which may open the door to future sharing of scientific and clinical content at annual meetings. Feel free to visit <<http://www.vivapvd.com>> for more information about their upcoming October 2011 meeting.



PVSS Officers and Committees 2011 *at a glance*

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PVSS 2011 Grants and Awards

Academic Awards 2011

Faculty

Guillermo A. Escobar – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

"Contrast Induced Nephropathy Animal Model"

Fellow

Bjoern Suckow – University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

"Development of a Disease Specific Quality-of-Life Measure for Patients with Critical Limb Ischemia"

Norman W. Rich Award

CPT Marlin Wayne Causey – Madigan Healthcare System, Ft. Lewis, WA

"Microarray and Functional Cluster Analysis Implicates Transforming Growth Factor Beta1 in Endothelial Cell Dysfunction and Valproic Acid Benefit in a Swine Hemorrhagic Shock Model"

\$1,500 Travel Grants

Winter

Claudio Ramirez, CHU – Pitié-Salpêtrière AP-HP, Paris, France

"Open Repair of Vertebral Artery: A Seven-Year Single-Center Report"

Michael Hong – University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

"Quality Of Life Outcomes Following Lower Extremity Revascularization"

Spring

Chetan Huded – Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

"The Impact of Adjunctive Iliac Stenting on Femoral-Femoral Bypass in Contemporary Practice"

Francesco Aiello – New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell/Columbia University, New York, NY

"Statin Therapy is Associated with Superior Clinical Outcomes after Endovascular Treatment of Critical Limb Ischemia"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRANT AND ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS!